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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

TERRY BOYD WILKINSON and

SHARON WILKINSON, husband

and wife,

Plaintiffs

v.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY

COMPANY and CONSOLIDATED

RAIL CORPORATION,

Defendants

v.

GPS TERMINAL SERVICES, INC., Third Party Defendant

CIVIL ACTION

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

JUDGE SYLVIA H. RAMBO

NO. 01-CV-1146

MOTION OF NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY **COMPANY AND CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION, DEFENDANTS, FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

AND NOW comes NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY and CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION, ("Railroads"), Defendants, by their attorneys NAUMAN, SMITH, SHISSLER & HALL, LLP, and moves this Court pursuant to Fed. R.Civ.P. 56 in their favor and against Terry B. Wilkinson and Sharon Wilkinson, Plaintiffs, representing in support thereof the following:

- 1. Plaintiffs commenced this action by the filing of a Complaint asserting two causes of action: Count I asserts a cause of action under the Federal Employers' Liability Act ("FELA"), 45 U.S.C. §51, as amended, and Count II asserts a cause of action under Pennsylvania common law negligence.
- 2. There are insufficient material facts which would support Plaintiffs' claim in Count I of his Complaint under the FELA, as, at the time of his alleged injury, Plaintiff was not "employed" by the Railroads, and thus, may not recover under the provisions of the FELA.
- 3. At the time of his alleged injury, Plaintiff was the employee of an independent contractor and was not engaged in activities which constituted a peculiar risk or special danger, thus the Railroads owed no duty to Plaintiff under Pennsylvania common law negligence standards which would entitle him to recover against the Railroads.

4. As there exists no genuine issue of material fact which would support Plaintiffs' claims under either Count I or Count II of their Complaint, summary judgment pursuant to Fed. R.Civ.P. 56 in favor of the Railroads and against Plaintiffs is required.

WHEREFORE, Norfolk Southern Railway Company and Consolidated Rail Corporation, Defendants, move for summary judgment in their favor and against Terry B. Wilkinson and Sharon Wilkinson, Plaintiffs, as to any and all claims asserted in Counts I and II of their Complaint.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

AND NOW, on the date stated below, I, Craig J. Staudenmaier, Esquire, of the firm of Nauman, Smith, Shissler & Hall, LLP, hereby certify that I this day served the foregoing MOTION OF NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY AND CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION, DEFENDANTS, FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT by depositing a copy of the same in the United

States Mail, first class, postage prepaid, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, addressed to the following:

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CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO MIDDLE DISTRICT LOCAL RULE 7.1

I, CRAIG J. STAUDENMAIER, ESQUIRE, attorney for NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY and CONSOLIDATED RAIL

CORPORATION, hereby certify that I have contacted the attorney for Plaintiff, Lawrence A. Katz, of Coffey & Kaye, who does not concur in the Motion of Norfolk Southern Railway Company and Consolidated Rail Corporation, and Jeffrey B. Rettig, Esquire, of Hartman, Osborne & Rettig, P.C. who does concur in the Motion for Summary Judgment of Norfolk Southern Railway Company and Consolidated Rail Corporation.

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